

Remarks:

With this Preliminary Amendment, Claims 1-32 are canceled without prejudice. Claims 33-37 are added. Thus, new Claims 33-37 are presented for consideration and allowance. Claim 33 distinguishes over U.S. Patent No. 6,070,539 to Flamme et al. and U.S. Patent No. 5,689,418 to Monson by reciting a precision farming system including multiple agricultural implements each having a control system. The control systems communicate to obtain information relating to prior applications of product to portions of a field to prevent duplicative application of the same product to those portions of the field where the prior application occurred. Because adequate support exists in the original Specification as filed at Page 11, Line 24-Page 12, Line 12, and in original Claims 7-15 of related U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/104,091, no new matter has been added.

Accordingly, Applicant believes that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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